Financial assistance to Fishery survey of India

779. SHRI M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the fund/financial assistance provided by the Central Government to the Fishery Survey of India during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that FSI has approached various foreign bodies for financial help;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) the financial assistance received by FSI from foreign bodies till date; and

(e) steps taken/proposed to be taken to see that FSI functions within the limit set out by the Central Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN): (a)

Year	Budget Grant (Rs. in crores)
2005-06	35.50
2006-07	41.39
2007-08	37.53

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) (i) Lakshadweep Tuna Tagging Programme- US $ 24925.

(ii) Andaman & Nicobar Tuna Tagging Programme- US $ 71209.

(iii) Global Environment Fund (GEF)/United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)/International Maritime Organization (IMO) Globallast Project - Rs. 11.10 lakhs.

(e) The Fishery Survey of India (FSI) is a subordinate office of Government of India and is functioning under the administrative control of the Ministry of Agriculture. The FSI has to submit all proposals for undertaking specific research programmes funded by national or international agencies to the Ministry of Agriculture. Before undertaking any research activity jointly with any international body, Government of India enters into an agreement with the collaborating agency and the same is finalized in consultation with the concerned Government Departments.

Targets and achievements in agriculture

780. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether growth of agriculture continues to take back seat when compared with the growth of tertiary and secondary sectors of the economy;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the growth target fixed for agriculture and achievements made during Tenth Five Year Plan period and the target fixed for Eleventh Five Year Plan period and the achievement made so far; and